

Sometimes domestic violence claims are not what - Vashon-Maury Island Beachcomber (WA) - June 11, 2013

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Regarding your article on the DoVE project and all the great work that they do ("DoVE sees growing demand for services," May 29), I feel compelled, with great discomfort, to air the unsavory side of the issue of domestic violence when used as a highly destructive tool.

All too often, manufactured domestic violence claims can easily be made (often with the help of an attorney who recognizes a cash cow when she sees one), an order of protection issued, and as the result of a Washington State Supreme Court ruling, hearsay evidence adequate to prosecute. Without any history or proof whatsoever, a family can be ruined by false allegations.

The Domestic Violence Order for Protection is a blunt tool, used oftentimes as a device to ensure that a simple divorce case is fraudulently weighted from the very start.

It is time for the injustices which face the victims of victims to be discussed openly.

— Will van Spronsen

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